

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 20 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the Amendments and Remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has recognized the Applicant's claim for foreign priority. Because the Applicant's claim for foreign priority has been perfected, no additional action is required from the Applicant at this time.

DRAWINGS

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has approved the Formal Drawings submitted by the Applicant. The drawings comply with the requirements of the USPTO. No further action is necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner has acknowledged the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 17, 2004 and September 27, 2004. Initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms have been received from the Examiner. No further action is necessary at this time.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Johannes (NL 9101758). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended to include subject matter similar to that recited in dependent claims 2, 10 and 18, respectively, and to clarify that the vehicle seat is to be sat on by a user in the vehicle. For example, amended independent claim 1 includes a combination of elements and is directed to a vehicle including a tag, in which the tag is mounted

in the vehicle and includes a recording medium in which identification information for identifying the vehicle is registered. Further, the tag is attached inside a vehicle seat to be sat on by a user in the vehicle, and the vehicle seat is composed of a resin member. Independent claims 9 and 17 include similar features in a varying scope.

These features are supported at least by Figure 3A and the corresponding description in the specification. For example, Figure 3A illustrates a cross-sectional view of the seat in the longitudinal direction. As shown, the tag 71 is attached inside the vehicle seat, which is composed of a resin member.

Regarding the subject matter recited in independent claims 2, 10 and 18, the Office Action indicates Johannes teaches a tag attached inside a vehicle seat composed of a resin member and cites Figures 1 and 2 and notes that the frame can be the frame of a bicycle seat. However, Johannes discloses in Figures 1 and 2 placing electronics of an identification label in a housing 1 that is then formed around a tube of a bicycle frame. It is respectfully noted the bicycle frame is generally a metal material and is not a resin member. Further, it is respectfully noted the tube 7 is not a vehicle seat to be sat on by a user in the vehicle as claimed by the present invention. Thus, Johannes does not teach or suggest the tag being attached inside a vehicle seat to be sat on by a user in which the vehicle seat is composed of a resin member as claimed by the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 1, 9 and 17 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but to merely show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

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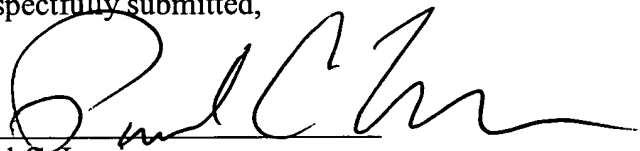
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If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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